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S. C. Negro With Bible Seeks To Teach Pagans Not To Kill

PANTABANGAN, P. I.—(AP)—Armed only with the Bible, Sam Brown, a giant American Negro from Early Branch, South Carolina, penetrates the wild head-hunting regions of Northern Luzon to teach unruly Pagans, "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Coming northward from Manila to attend the headhunting peace conference here we ran into Sam, known as the "Bishop" of the non-Christian Tribes Church in the Philippines.

The "Bishop" is just the sort of Negro one would meet in any Southern town in the United States. His Southern drawl is perfect, yet he speaks Spanish and four Filipino dialects—Tagalog, Il-

ocano, Visayan and Pampanga. Sam came to the islands in 1899 with the army, having enlisted at Macon, Ga. Mustered out in San Francisco in 1902, he returned to the Philippines immediately having traded his weapons for the

Bible. That was natural, drawled Sam DeKalb County.

In the depths of the Cordellers Mountains Sam founded a non-sectarian brotherhood. "Love," he said, was the foundation of his creed and it had brought many Pagans to the baptismal ceremony.

Sam theorized the fierce little tribesmen he encounters wouldn't be so fierce if they were fed given protected lands and taught the ways of civilization. He claimed some of the recent beheadings were caused by Christians pushing the tribesmen back into the forests.

Only a dozen muscular warriors attended the Government's peace parley, extended friendly greetings and then disappeared.

Prince Madarikan Deniyi, of Lagos, Nigeria, Negro Republic, West Africa, will speak at Beulah Baptist church Tuesday night at 8 p. m. on the subject, "The Bright Side of Africa." White persons are invited to attend the meeting and hear the truth about the Foreign Missionary Work in Africa." Admission is free. Seats will be reserved for white friends.

Prince Deniyi is the grandson of the late Balogun Ijemo, a powerful chief of the Yoruba tribe at Abeokuta, in Nigeria. He is an ordained minister, and will play the piano and sing at the meeting.

"The Possibilities of the Negroes in Africa" will be the subject of another talk Wednesday night, 8 o'clock, at North Highland Baptist church. Rev. R. H. Alford and Rev. H. C. Copeland, pastors of the churches, are inviting the public and friends to attend.

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Mission Secretary Heard By Baptists

"If Baptists in the 95 years of history of the Southern Baptist Convention had been wide awake as to their duties and responsibilities, much of the suffering and bloodshed of the present would never have taken place," said Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of Atlanta, secretary of the Home Mission Board, who was speaker at the Baptist Pastors Conference Monday morning.

Dr. Lawrence had as his subject "The Challenge to Religious Leaders in World Conditions." He cited at length instances where people had failed to live up to their religious obligations to themselves, their church and the world.

Methodist pastors at their union meeting elected officers for the new year, the Rev. Paul Cook, pastor of Huffman Methodist Church, being elected president. Other officers named were Dr. J. H. Chitwood, of McCoy Memorial Church, vice president, and Dr. J. A. Gann, of West End Church, secretary-treasurer. The pastors had no program for the day.

The Rev. E. J. Baker, pastor of Miller Memorial Church, at Eleventh Avenue and Fourth Place, was the speaker at the Presbyterian Pastors Union meeting. Baker is pastor of the only Negro Presbyterian U. S. A. Church in Birmingham, and he discussed the work of his church and the progress it was making.